Enhancing tourism potential in the country

821. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what steps have been taken or are being taken by ITDC to enhance tourism potentials in the country ;

(b) what action has been taken by Government and the ITDC Management to improve the conditions of the existing hotels and standard of service therein by the Management/Government during the last three years ;

(c) whether any action programme in regard to (b) above have been formulated for the next three years for the hotels under ITDC ; and

(d) if so, the details of such hotels ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) In order to provide tourist infrastructure in the country, ITDC is operating 35 hotels including 6 joint ventures and 3 managed properties, 7 restaurants, 11 transport units, 11 duty free shops, 3 sound & light shows etc.

(b) to (d) Improvement in the conditions of existing hotels of ITDC and standard of service is a continuous process which includes improvement of product and quality of service, modernisation of equipment, renovation and upgradation of properties, development of human resource by imparting training at all levels, etc. ITDC's Eighth Five Year Plan envisages an outlay of Rs. 15 crores for renovation/improvement of its properties.

Instrument Landing System at Airport

822. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 830 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 1993 and state :

(a) when the equipment regarding the Instrument Landing System of Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi and for other airports were purchased from which country and at what cost were they purchased;

(b) when the ILS-II system was installed at the airport at New Delhi and since when it became operational at the main runway;

(c) whether ILS-II system has not been working satisfactorily if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the work for similar system in the shorter runway No. 27 has not been proceeding at the desired pace;

(e) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(f) what steps Government have taken to expedite the completion of the work and by when it is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad) : (a) Details of purchase of Instrument Landing System (ILS) are given in the enclosed statement [*See* below].

(b) and (c) National Airports Authority installed Instrument Landing System Category-II and made operational on runway-28 at Delhi airport from 31-10-1988. Subsequently, the Airlines reported unsatisfactory performance of the Instrument Landing System for Category-II operations. At the same time, International Airports Authority of India took up recarpeting of the runway and also works to bring the threshold of the runway to the beginning of the runway. After completing the runway works and the requisite takes for Category-I operations, the ILS facility on runway 28 was declared fit for Category-II from 7-1-1993. Following the accident involving TU-154